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## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

- 1-43. (Cancelled)
- 44. (Previously presented) An isolated polypeptide comprising:
- (a) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:2;
- (b) the amino acid sequence of the extracellular domain of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:2; or
- (c) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide encoded by the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 203099,

wherein said extracellular domain is selected from the group consisting of amino acids 34-53, 114-121, and 181-266 of SEQ ID NO:2.

- 45. (Previously presented) The isolated polypeptide of Claim 44 comprising the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:2.
  - 46. (Cancelled)
- 47. (Currently amended) The isolated polypeptide of Claim 44 comprising the amino acid sequence of the extracellular domain of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:2, wherein said extracellular domain is selected from the group consisting of amino acids 34-53, 114-121, and 181-266 of SEQ ID NO:2.
  - 48. (Cancelled)
- 49. (Previously presented) The isolated polypeptide of Claim 44 comprising the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide encoded by the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 203099.
- 50. (Currently amended) A chimeric polypeptide comprising a polypeptide according to Claim 42 Claim 44 fused to a heterologous polypeptide.
- 51. (Previously presented) The chimeric polypeptide of Claim 50, wherein the heterologous polypeptide is a tag polypeptide or an Fc region of an immunoglobulin.
- **52.** (Previously presented) An isolated polypeptide having at least 95% amino acid sequence identity to:
  - (a) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:2;

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(b) the amino acid sequence of the extracellular domain of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:2; or

(c) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide encoded by the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 203099,

wherein said extracellular domain is selected from the group consisting of amino acids 34-53, 114-121, and 181-266 of SEQ ID NO:2; and

wherein said isolated polypeptide or a fragment thereof can be used to generate an antibody which can be used to specifically detect the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO2 in rectal or lung tissue samples.

- 53. (Previously presented) The isolated polypeptide of Claim 52 having at least 99% amino acid sequence identity to:
  - (a) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:2;
  - (b) the amino acid sequence of the extracellular domain of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:2; or
  - (c) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide encoded by the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 203099,

wherein said extracellular domain is selected from the group consisting of amino acids 34-53, 114-121, and 181-266 of SEQ ID NO:2; and

wherein said isolated polypeptide or a fragment thereof can be used to generate an antibody which can be used to specifically detect the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO2 in rectal or lung tissue samples.

- 54. (Previously presented) A chimeric polypeptide comprising a polypeptide according to Claim 52 fused to a heterologous polypeptide.
- 55. (Previously presented) The chimeric polypeptide of Claim 54, wherein said heterologous polypeptide is a tag polypeptide or an Fc region of an immunoglobulin.